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1. HERewith ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED: SALMAN DUAJI SABAH PROPOSED FOR FULL GRANT, REGULAR FINANCIAL BENEFITS, FOR OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION. IS ELIGIBLE FOR VISA. FIELD OF INTEREST IS LAW, PARTICULARLY LEGAL ASPECTS OF DRAFTING LEGISLATION. SHOULD BE IN U. S. AT A TIME CONGRESS AND SUPREME COURT IN SESSION APPRICATE DEPT' S JUDGMENT WHETHER THIS CASE IN JUNE. SABAH ADVISES CAN TRAVEL MID- MAY OR IN SEPTEMBER IF NECESSARY. CONSULTATION WITH STATE AND MUNICIPAL LEGISLATORS ALSO RECOMMENDED.

WIFE ENGLISH- SPEAKING, HAS FRIENDS WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. BELIEVE SHE WILL BE ASSET.

2. ALTERNATES (BIL INFO SKETCHY, AS DID NOT WISH MAKE DIRECT APPROACH IN VIEW LIKELYHOOD PRIMARY CANDIATE WILL GO AS PLANNED); ALI JABER AL- ALI, FIRST ALTERNATE, IS DIRECTOR OF PRIME MINISTER' S OFFICE. WLL- CONNECTED (SON OF EX MININFO, COUSIN OF RULER, MARRIED CROWN PRINCES' DAUGHTER), IS SURE TO BE INFLUENTIAL FIGURE IN FUTURE KUWAIT GOVERNMENTS, PERHAPS AS MINISTER. ABOUT 25 YEARS OLD. KUWAITI NATIONAL, BORN KUWAIT. STUDIED ECONOMICS U. OF COLORADO BOULDER, BUT GRADUATED AUB (POLSCI AND ECONOMICS). WRITES OCCASIONAL POLITICAL ARTICLES FOR SIYASSA NEWSPAPER. ENGLISH EXCELLENT. HAS TRAVELLEE U. S. , WESTERN EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST. SPECIFICALLY RECOMMEND HE SEE APPROPRIATE MEMBERS WHITE HOUSE STAFF, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICER; SELECTED CONGRESSMEN AND STAFF (MR. HAMILTON OF INDIANA); PROMINENT POLITICAL COLUMNISTS INCL. ECONOMICS

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WRITERS. ELIGIBLE FOR VISA.

3. SECOND ALTERNATE: ALI KAHLIFA AL- SABAH, DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM ECONOMIC AND LEGAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND OIL. AGE ABOUT 27, KUWAITIN NATIONAL BORN KUWAIT. BELIEVED AUB GRADUATE, SUBSEQUENT MS FROM AN ENGLISH UNIVERSITY. IS ALSO MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARABIAN OIL COMPANY (LARGELY JAPANESE OWNED). HAS TRAVELED TO UK, MIDDLE EAST AND JAPAN. UNMARRIED. SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL BUT WITH ACCENT. ALI AL- SABAH HAS IMPORTANT ROLE IN MINOIL AT PRESENT AND EMBASSY EXPECTS HIS RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE INCREASED IN FUTURE. GRANT SHOULD BE KEYED TO SEEING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF U. S. PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN MANY AREAS OF COUNTRY, POSSIBLY INCL. ALASKA: OIL FIELDS, REFINERIES, DRILLING, PIPE LINES, OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES, PETROCHEMICALS, CORPORATE HEAD-QUARTERS, RESEARCH FACILITIES, UNIVERSITIES OFFERING PETROLEUM ENGINEERING. ELIGIBLE FOR VISA.

4. SALMAN SABAH NOMINATION HAS PRIORITY OVER MEDIA NOMINATION (A-2, JANUARY 10, 73) , THOUGH WOULD HOPE MEDIA PROJECT COULD BE FINANCED LATER THIS FY WITH FALLOUT FUNDS. IF NOT WILL RESUBMIT MEDIA FOR FY-74.
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